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SUBJECT: TANKS FOR PORTUGAL: NEED TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY
OF TANKS FROM U.S. STOCKS

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D) BONN 882 DTG 171723Z JAN 78 (NOTAL)
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1. AS REPORTED IN REF A, ON JANUARY 28 THE GERMAN
GOVERNMENT (STATE SECRETARY SCHNELL OF THE FRG DEFENSE
MINISTRY) SIGNED THE U.S. LETTER OF OFFER FOR THE
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NECESSARY CONVERSION IN THE U.S. OF 18 GERMAN M-48
TANKS FROM A-2 TO A-5 CONFIGURATION. AT THE MOMENT
OF SIGNATURE, THE GERMAN TANKS TECHNICALLY ENTERED
U.S. CUSTODY UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LOA.

2. ODC BONN IS CURRENTLY TAKING STEPS TO ENSURE THAT
THESE TANKS PHYSICALLY ENTER U.S. CUSTODY AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT, NOW THAT THE
LOA IS SIGNED, THE PROCESS OF DISPATCHING AN EQUAL
NUMBER OF TANKS TO PORTUGAL FROM U.S. STOCKS CAN BEGIN
AT ANY TIME AND NEED NOT AWAIT U.S. PHYSICAL CUSTODY
OF THE GERMAN TANKS.

3. SINCE THE GERMAN ACTION ON THIS PROJECT HAS ALREADY
TAKEN FAR LONGER THAN EXPECTED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NO
ADDITIONAL TIME BE LOST. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE URGES
THAT WASHINGTON ENSURE THAT THE TANKS FROM U.S. STOCKS
ARE SENT TO PORTUGAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THIS
US-FRG COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITHIN NATO CAN BE BROUGHT TO
A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

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